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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) 395.

(*b*) 140.

(*c*) 63.

Assignment of lands to political sufferers

* 86 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether any lands have been assigned to political sufferers in 1957?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. No one has been assigned any lands in 1957 on the ground that he was a political sufferer. The present policy of the Government is to assign lands only to landless poor who are likely to engage in direct cultivation.

Season tickets to students in Government buses

* 87 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the students in the City have to spend about Rs. 9 or Rs. 12 per month towards transport charges; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to issue season tickets to them at concessional rates?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMY PILLAI : May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that season tickets were given to students in Kanyakumari district and if so, why not that facility be extended to the students in Madras City also?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Not only are the Government aware, but have extended that concession which was in existence before. Since it was a facility enjoyed by students at that place, Government have thought it fit to continue it for sometime. The question of giving the concessions to students does not arise because in many routes in Madras City we are issuing season tickets, namely, in routes 3, 21, 21-A, 21-C, 7, 7-A and 8. We are issuing season tickets at the rate of Rs. 9 per mensem.

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY : சில பகுதிகளில் ஓடுகின்ற பஸ்களுக்கு மட்டும் சீசன் டிக்கட்டுகள் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார். இந்த முறையை எல்லா ரூட்டுகளுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கக்கூடாதா என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : That suggestion would be considered. . We are experimenting on certain routes.